



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Thirty Third Sunday ~ November 15-16, 2025



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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am
Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays—in Church
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration and 4:30pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Families are asked to contact the office before the
arrival of your new child for instructions and
registration.

RECONCILIATION
Wednesdays 4:30pm in Church
Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

We celebrate Christian love and family with the
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact
the office one year in advance.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to
receive this beautiful Sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register
online at www.hnojchurch.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 11/17	Tues 11/18	Wed 11/19	Thurs 11/20	Fri 11/21	Saturday 11/22	Sunday 11/23
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass +Chris Zalik and Stephanie Peterson <i>r/b Steven and Sandra Zalik</i> <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the Day +Margaret Mihalik (Anniv) <i>r/b Dolores, Robert and family</i> And +John and Eleanor Andriso <i>r/b George Andriso</i> <i>Wednesday Services held in Church</i>	7:30am Mass +Robert Grega <i>r/b Verna Pistey</i> <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm +Andrew Marcinov <i>r/b daughters, Marge and Dianne</i> And The Deceased of the Parish	7:30am Mass +Milan and Gladys Jass <i>r/b Nicholas Piciw, Jr.</i> 10:00am Mass +Laura Vietri <i>r/b daughter, Nancy & family</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS



4:00pm **+John Iwaszczyn**
7:30am **+Denise Martin**
10:00am **+Michael Perkowski**



Please remember in prayer, *All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders.. All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. And for all who have died.*



If you, a loved one or a friend are hospitalized and in need of a visit please call the parish office. Also, if you or someone you know is homebound and wishes to receive communion, or if you will be having surgery and wish to be anointed please call the office.



Breaking Bread Missalettes for 2026 will be available in the church the first weekend of Advent, Nov 30th. If you would like your own copy the requested donation is \$8

Saint John Vianney Trust Diocesan Retired Priest Collection November 23rd

Please see the letter from Bishop Caggiano about the newly established Saint John Vianney Trust to provide the necessary financial support for our senior and infirm priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Beginning this year throughout the diocese on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 23rd, we will all have the opportunity to give our financial support through this first *Faith of Our Fathers* campaign. You may contribute to the campaign by using the Clergy Retirement offertory envelope you already received or using the campaign brochure's return envelope in your pew on November 23rd. Be assured that Bishop Caggiano, all our senior and infirm priests, along with me will be very grateful for your support. Thank you! Father Jim

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Thomas Swenson

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for Jennifer Ceresa

Sacred Heart Candle

In Loving Memory of the Deceased Priests of our Parish

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Health & Blessings for Laurel Pistey

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For all struggling with food insecurity

St Michael Candle *For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus*



Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 26th at 5:30pm in the Church. When Abraham Lincoln instituted the national holiday, he called on his **"fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."** Please plan to join us to give thanks to God for our many blessings!

Intentions for the 2026 Mass Book

may be requested by calling or emailing the parish office or placed in the offertory basket. Intentions may be for your deceased loved ones and also intentions for the living.

Mass Stipends Weekend Mass \$15 Weekday Mass \$10
Candles 1 Week (Friday to Friday) \$10

Church Sanctuary Lamp, Chapel Sanctuary Lamp
 Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine, Saint Michael Candle
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine, Saint Joseph Shrine

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF STRATFORD'S NEWSLETTER

The Catholic Community of Stratford, rich in tradition and united in its mission to foster meaningful encounters with Jesus Christ, invites, welcomes, accompanies, prays with, and educates disciples to minister and serve.

Together, we are vibrant.

Together, we grow in our faith in new and exciting ways.

Together, as the Catholic Community of Stratford (CCS), we serve the needs of our community more effectively.



Contact:
stratford@setoncollaborative.org

Faith Sharing & Bible Study



How does the Bible speak to my heart, my joy and my challenges? Please consider joining us for an adult faith sharing and Bible study series at **Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall on November 25, and December 9 from 6:30pm-8:00pm each evening.** We will discuss how to read the Scriptures, and then share how the Scriptures relate to our everyday lives. If interested, RSVP to colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org

Young Adult Ministry



Young Adults of Stratford cordially invite you to an Advent Potluck on December 7th, 6-8pm in the St. Mark Upper Room. We welcome anyone between 18 and 35 years old. Bring a dish to share. Email Donna Marino at donnammar@aol.com by November 28th to sign up.

Sacramental Preparation



If your child is above 7 years old and has not been baptized, the Catholic Community Stratford is offering a special formation process for your child(ren). Our next meal and formation session will be on **Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Offices (2 Mary Avenue, Stratford CT).** If you are interested, please reach out to Colin Petramale at colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you to all for the incredible donation of Thanksgiving food items collected in the October Monthly Food drive. The donations were gratefully received by Le Anne Reynolds, Director of Resource Connection at Sterling House to help local families especially during these times of food insecurity. God bless you for your



continued generosity to our brothers and sisters in need.



Box of Joy



Thank you for participating in Box of Joy this year! We collected 50 boxes. Your efforts help bring Christmas joy and the love of Christ to children in need. *"Thank you very much for sending this gift not only to me but to a lot of other children who need them."*

Coral, Dominican Republic

Parish Bookkeeper Position

This position is Part-Time, 24 hours/week, Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 3pm. The qualified candidate must have knowledge of accounting principles, proficiency in QuickBooks, PayCor, and MicroSoft Office Software as well as proficiency in handling Accounts Payable, Payroll, Bank Reconciliations, Preparing and Maintaining Annual Budgets. For more information, please call or email Father Jim at 203-375-5815, FrDivasto@diobpt.org

THE LORD'S KITCHEN



In the fall of 2010, members of the Stratford Clergy Association responded to the Lord's call to provide hot meals for the hungry and homeless in Stratford, since there were no soup kitchens in

Stratford at the time. Deacon Paul Kurmay, from St. Mark Church and a longstanding member of the Association, was tasked with putting a program together. The new program was named "The Lord's Kitchen," because they believed it would be the Lord Himself who would serve the poor through the ministry of each serving church. "The Lord's Kitchen is a family home," Deacon Paul said, "and we treat everyone with love and respect, as if they were our own family members, because, before God, they are." 16 organizations, churches and businesses rotate cooking and serving meals at Christ Episcopal Church each Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00pm. **HNOJ's next turn is Monday, December 29th. Would you like to help with set up, serving and clean up? We can use extra hands and guarantee you will want to come back again. Call or email the office for more details.**



Parish Administrative Assistant Position

This position is Part-Time, 15 hours/week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am to 2pm. The qualified candidate must have proficiency in Microsoft Office & Publisher Software, to create Flyers, Worship Aids, Funeral Mass Programs and the Parish Bulletin. For more information, please call or email Father Jim at 203-375-5815, FrDivasto@diobpt.org

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Nov 8-9

Sunday	\$	1,852.00
Monthly	\$	66.00
Utilities	\$	574.00
Other	\$	41.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Nov 3-9

Sunday	\$	875.00
Monthly	\$	70.00
Utilities	\$	55.00
Other	\$	117.00

ONLINE GIVING - Nov 3-9

Sunday	\$	771.00
Monthly	\$	28.00
Other	\$.00

Total Income \$4,449.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to Holy Name of Jesus Church

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesdays, in Church **4:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available **5:30pm** Mass

Nov 15-16 Coffee And...

Nov 22 Men's Reflection Group

Nov 22 MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Nov 23 Mass Reader Meeting

Nov 23 Faith Formation 11am-12:15pm

Nov 23 MONTHLY TEEN MASS 4PM AT HNOJ CHURCH

Nov 25 Faith Sharing and Bible Study OLOP

Nov 26 VIGIL MASS FOR THANKSGIVING 5:30PM

Nov 29-30 Monthly Food Collection



Christmas Bake Sale

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or Helen 203.378.5925.

Nut & Poppy Seed Rolls \$15 each
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Parish Annual Collection Envelope

This month you will find in your Parish Collection Offertory Envelopes an envelope for the Annual Collection. **This year our goal is \$45,000.** The Annual Collection helps the Parish to meet extraordinary expenses that arise each year. This year our major building upgrade is to replace the Church boiler with the work being completed this past week. With four buildings to maintain there is always another maintenance issue that arises. This Annual Collection will help our parish to meet these unbudgeted expenses. **To date \$8,435 has been received towards our goal.** Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.

CHRISTMAS CEMETERY BASKETS

Christmas Cemetery Baskets are available for order. Small round arrangements are \$15 each and Large oval arrangements are \$20. Call the parish office - order soon - limited availability!



Men's Reflection Group



The Men's Reflection Group will meet next on **November 22 and December 6 and 20th in the Parish Community Room.** Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am to start our reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we'll finish at 9:00am. **Join us!**

LADIES GUILD ADVENT REFLECTION & DINNER



The Guild of the Mother of Jesus warmly welcomes all Guild members and all women of the parish to an **ADVENT REFLECTION & DINNER.**

Friday, Dec. 19 at 5:00pm in the Parish Community Room. Join us for

a time of reflection and fellowship, a Candle Ceremony and delicious hot meal. \$15 per person. Reservations required.

Please call or email the parish office
parishoffice@hnojchurch.org 203.375.5815

MASS READERS MEETING

Dear Mass Readers—don't forget to **attend a brief meeting (30 minutes) immediately following the Sunday**

10:00am Mass on Nov 23 in the Church. Father Jim will handout and review the **Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word 2026**



MEN'S NIGHT OUT! NOV. 22

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society is hosting the Annual Men's Night Out Sat.

Nov. 22, Heritage Hall 6:30-10:30pm Bring

a friend for **Good Food—Cards and More!** Hot

Appetizers, Snacks, Chicken, Kielbasa, Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer \$20.00 per person. Call Larry Wells 203.395.7073 or lawman1156@gmail.com



TURKEY SHOOT!

All parishioners are invited to take a chance to win a \$25 gift card on the Turkey Shoot. Chances can be purchased for \$5 before and after Mass. Our Faith Formation students will "Pin the Feather" on the Turkeys to determine the winners following the 10am Mass on Sunday November 23.



SAINT LUKE GUILD FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Maintaining our Catholic identity while serving as professionals in a healthcare system not always aligned with the truths of our faith can be difficult. Matthew Kenney, PhD, Vice President, Mission Services Hartford HealthCare, St Vincent's Medical Center will hold a discussion about the importance of maintaining our identity as Catholics in the midst of these challenges to our faith. **Saturday, November 22—8:30am—Sacred Heart Oratory, 30 Church St., Redding Ct 06497**
Rsvp by Nov 19 saintlueguild@diobpt.org

JUST ONE MORE THING! –FROM FR. JIM

Our Parish Offertory Increase Campaign

I hope you all have had a chance to read and reflect on the highlights of my town hall meeting that I provided for you in last Sunday's bulletin. We have much to be proud of, and need to continue doing, to serve one another and our neighbors here in our parish and the Stratford community. I am especially grateful to all of you who have - and continue - to give *generously and regularly* of your time, treasure, and talent.

Because of you, we have been able to replace the Heritage Hall roof, improve outdoor lighting, and replace the church boiler as well as provide children and adults with faith formation, preparation and reception of baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, not to mention, fun events like Family Bingo Night, Knights of Columbus Porchetta dinner, our Men's Society Car Show, and our Lady's Guild Christmas & Easter bake sales.

I know that you and I want to keep doing all this *and more* in the years ahead. For more than 100 years, our parish family has celebrated countless sacramental milestones of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, and everything in between. All of that continues, and will please God, continue for generations to come. All that is to say, *we together*, are part of the legacy of Holy Name of Jesus Parish. And together we are invited to prepare for the continued growth and progress of this parish family of faith.

Like each of you, our parish is not exempt from the rising costs of keeping our doors open with the lights on and the heat flowing. That's why I need you not only to contribute towards our \$45,000 Annual Collection goal, but also to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider *if you can* increase your weekly regular offertory gift now and going forward. Please consider a 15% increase in your weekly regular offertory gift. That would go a long way to meeting our weekly regular offertory need of \$5,102 and towards financial sustainability on our own.

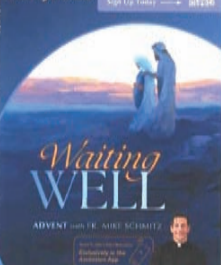
Please know that I truly understand that some of you after thoughtful and prayerful consideration will need to cut back your weekly regular offertory gift. Please do not think that you are not supporting our parish as you should. The truth is you have been and will be supporting your parish as best you can, *and that's all God requires of you!* Do not worry. I will be reaching out to many registered parishioners who have not regularly attended Mass or contributed to the weekly offertory. Pray with me that many will come back to Mass, experience the love of God among us, and in gratitude generously and regularly contribute to the weekly offertory collection.

Thank you! Thank you for having faithfully given and continuing to give of your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for being part of our past, present, and parish family's future.

Peace, Father Jim



Prepare Your Heart
for Jesus



Waiting Well with Fr Mike Schmitz this Advent

Dear parish family, I invite you to join me this Advent in prayer, wonder, and gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus by letting Father Mike Schmitz help us. Father Mike has produced a daily video program *Waiting Well* available on the Ascension App starting November 30th. Please go to either www.ascensionpress.com or scan the QR code here to download the Ascension App and sign up for *Waiting Well*. There is an accompanying Prayer Journal. I have 35 paperback copies available, and I can get more if needed. Please call the parish office if you would like one. I hope many of you will join me to journey through Advent with Father Mike.

Peace, Father Jim



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Annual Parish ADVENT GIVING TREE project continues Next Weekend! Your generosity over the years has helped make Christmas brighter for so many during this season of giving. Please take a tag or two from the trees on the tables in back of church, purchase the gift(s) and return them unwrapped to the tables.

ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE by the weekend of DECEMBER 6-7

Thank you
and may God continue to bless you for your kindness and compassion to those in need.



BEGIN A NEW CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION IN YOUR HOME!

Oplatki will be available before and after Mass and at the Parish Office beginning the weekend of Nov. 29-30.

\$3.00 donation per package. Each package has 6 wafers.

'Oplatki' means "Angel Bread". Traditionally, on Christmas Eve, the wafer is broken and shared with the family members at the table. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing – whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it shadows the Eucharistic meal at each Mass. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together and share the love they have for one another.

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